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SUBJECT: PA GUIDANCE FOR 13 NOVEMBER VISIT OF THREE USN

SHIPS TO SINGAPORE

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REFERENCE: SINGAPORE 4327

1. WILBERFORCE, POL-MIL COUNSELOR AT BRITISH EMBASSY CALLED AT DEPARTMENT 12 NOVEMBER TO REPORT THAT AT GOS REQUEST BRITISH WERE ASKED TO ACCOMMODATE AT THEIR NAVAL FACILITY THE BUNKERING REQUIREMENTS OF THE TWO USN DESTROYERS WHICH WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SINGAPORE 13 NOVEMBER. GOS OBJECTIVE APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO REDUCE US MILITARY VISIBILITY WHILE CONCURRENTLY PROVIDING UK REFUELING ALTERNATIVE IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS CITED REFTEL.

2. WILBERFORCE INDICATED HMG PREPARED TO HOST DESTROYERS, BUT BRITISH OBVIOUSLY ARE SQUEAMISH ABOUT REFUELING ACTIVITY SHOULD IT BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. ACCORDINGLY, HE INDICATED THAT HMG WOULD APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE BEING PROVIDED TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE IN THE EVENT OF QUERY.

3. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THE VISIT OF TWO US DESTROYERS AND ONE AMMUNITION SHIP TO SINGAPORE AND THEIR ONWARD ROUTING THROUGH THE STRAITS OF MALACCA INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN MAY GENERATE SOME PUBLIC INTEREST AND SPECULATION OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY SUGGESTED BY BRITISH HERE.

4. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY DEPARTMENT AND DOD IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ONLY.

A. THE SINGAPORE PORT VISIT AND TRANSIT OF THE MALACCA STRAITS BY TWO US DESTROYERS AND ONE AMMUNITION SHIP WAS A ROUTINE PORT VISIT AND TRANSIT IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR ULTIMATE PARTICIPATION IN A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MULTILATERAL NAVAL EXERCISE WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED LATER THIS MONTH.

B. DETAILS OF THE NAVAL EXERCISE WHICH WAS PLANNED AND SCHEDULED EARLY LAST SUMMER WILL BE ANNOUNCED SEPARATELY LATER THIS MONTH.

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C. THERE IS NO DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE SHIPS AND THE HANCOCK TASK GROUP OR THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

D. IF THE QUESTION OF REFUELING ARISES, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT REGARDING NAVAL REPLENISHMENT.

5. FYI. THE EXERCISE IN QUESTION IS THE CENTO MARITIME EXERCISE MIDLINK 73. ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS HAVE MUTUALLY AGREED THAT NO ANNOUNCEMENT RELATIVE TO THIS EXERCISE WILL BE PROMULGATED UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE ITS COMMENCEMENT. END FYI.

6. WILBERFORCE ADVISED OF FOREGOING. RUSH

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